

Morgan County Commission Meeting January 22, 2015

Members present:

Commissioner Brad Close, President
Commissioner Robert Ford
Commissioner Joel Tuttle

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Kate Shunney, Morgan Messenger; Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper; Dale Kipp; Bill Locke; Jean Helsley; Andrea LaRue; Barb Wolfe; Cat Rodgers; Frank Rotgers; Rick Watson; John McCracken; Zach Caldwell; Kathy Arbogast; Cathy Waugh; Ellen Lockhart; Michael Smith; Sara Green; Richard Holzsager; Kate Lehman; Andy Swaim; Gordon McLeod; Jeanne Mozier; Peace White; Susan Webster; Larry Lower; Beth Curtin; Laura Smith; Bryan Heironimus; Angie Hott; Bill Yearout; Glen Stotler; Beth Rowland and Shamaine Reis

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk, at 9:30 a.m.

Gayle Drive Discussion

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 9:30 to discuss the Gayle Drive maintenance agreement and road repairs. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission came out of executive session at 10:02 am and reconvened into regular session. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried. No decision was made.

Administration Items

Appointment to Fire Board- Jeremiah Clark

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission appoints Jeremiah Clark to the Morgan County Fire Board to represent Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried. (Court Order Attached)

Thank you letters for serving on the Emergency Medical Services Board

The County Commission signed the thank you letters for members that served on the Emergency Medical Services Board.

WV Prevailing Wage Resolution

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves and adopts the West Virginia Prevailing Wage Resolution. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried. (Resolution attached)

Biser Street Property Discussion

The Commission tabled the discussion to a later date.

Action Items

Dave Duchon- Application for Exoneration

The County Commission reviewed the request of exoneration. The request is for a 2013 tax bill. On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission made a motion to approve the exoneration. President Close voted nay, Commissioner Ford voted nay and Commissioner Tuttle voted nay. Motion carried. Request was denied. According to WV State Code, the County Commission cannot exonerate a tax bill for the previous year.

Mapping & Addressing Ordinance- Discussion & Possible Decision to move forward to adopt

Commissioner Ford explained that not all county roads and individual addresses are displayed and this can be a life or death situation in the case of an emergency. Commissioner Ford stated that he has done some research and is ready to move forward to have the county roads in Morgan County properly addressed and displayed. The Commission agreed to move forward with the ordinance adoption process which includes having a public hearing to get public comment regarding the revisions to the ordinance. The County Commission will have copies of the mapping and addressing ordinance available for the public. The County Commission will set a date for the public hearing and advertise in the Morgan Messenger.

Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney- Request of funds for her budget

Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney, approached the Commission to request funds for her budget. Ms. McLaughlin explained that she is being charged for medical transcripts for court cases. Ms. McLaughlin requested funds for her account to cover the costs. On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission approves a budget revision for \$1000. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried. Funds will come out of Account 401-567 (General County) and go into Account 405-232 (Professional Services).

Michael Smith- Hazmat Response Billing

Michael Smith approached the Commission to discuss the billing for a hazmat incident that occurred at his residence. Mr. Smith stated that he did not think he should be responsible for the bill for the hazmat clean up at his residence. The Commission explained that the incident happened at his property, therefore, he is responsible. The Commission suggested Mr. Smith talk to Dick Myers, Office of Emergency Management and Vince Cichocki, Facilities Director regarding the payment.

Retiree Health Care Policy Amended

The County Commission reviewed the health care policy. On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission made a motion for Debra Kesecker, Honorable

County Clerk, to amend the health care policy for approval at the next Commission meeting on February 5, 2015. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Decision whether to continue with North Berkeley Rail Trail Project

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission made a motion to table the North Berkeley Rail Trail project for 90 days giving time to speak to the Department of Highways requesting extensions and time to review the project. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried. Commissioner Tuttle will be the Commissioner to oversee the project.

Consent Agenda

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approved the consent agenda. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

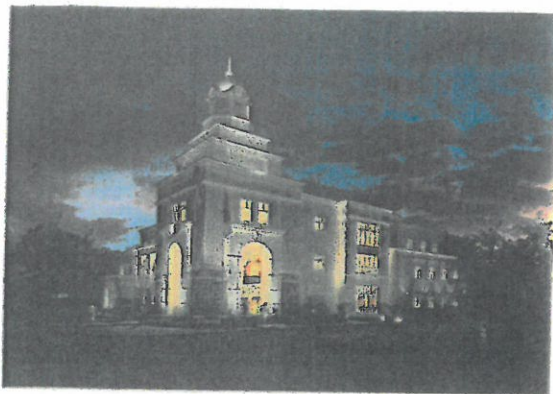
Administrator Report

Approval for Animal Control Officers to attend training

Jody McClintock, County Administrator requested approval for the Animal Control Officers to attend training. The County Commission approved the request.

Recess

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission made a motion to recess the meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.



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COURT ORDER

The Morgan County Commission hereby appoints **Jeremiah Clark** to the **MORGAN COUNTY FIRE BOARD** as a representative for the Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company.

This appointment is effective 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2017.

Bradley J. Close, President
Morgan County Commission

Robert L. Ford
Morgan County Commission

Joel R. Tuttle
Morgan County Commission

ATTEST:
Debra Kesecker
Clerk of the County Commission